



City of Coeur d'Alene Municipal Milestones Newsletter

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IN THE NEWS

Atlas Waterfront Presentations Available Online

The Atlas Waterfront PowerPoint presentations from last week's Parks & Recreation Open House on Monday, February 25, and the Planning Commission Workshop on Thursday, February 28, are now available online. Please visit www.cdaid.org/atlaslog to view the Atlas Waterfront News Log.

Planting for the Future: Re-Leaf CDA Offers Residents Free Street Trees

The City of Coeur d'Alene has 80 street trees that need good homes! Street trees will be planted at residential locations within public right-of-way areas in the Coeur d'Alene city limits through the CDA Re-Leaf program. These trees are valued at approximately \$250 and are planted at no cost to the homeowner to enhance neighborhoods and provide many street-side benefits such as mitigating storm water and reducing pollution. Trees are available to homeowners residing within the city limits of CDA who are willing to provide care for the trees, including watering and protecting from mowers and trimmers. Trees will be planted by a contracted tree planting crew in late April or early May. Deadline to request a free street tree is March 30, 2019. More information is available online at www.cdaid.org/re-leafcda. Call the Urban Forestry division of the Parks & Recreation Department, 208-415-0415 to claim your tree today.



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Nick Goodwin: A healthy, well-managed Urban Forest is an important part of a healthy community

Municipal Milestones recently caught up with newly promoted Urban Forester, Nick Goodwin, to

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A Friendly Reminder ...

Unfortunately, Old Man Winter is hanging around a bit longer than expected this season and the City of CDA would like to remind citizens that the property owner or occupant of any home or business is responsible for all adjacent sidewalks. The sidewalks must be kept clear of snow and ice at all times during winter months and as soon as practical after each snowfall when snow accumulates. In the event that the snow and/or ice is so compacted or frozen that it cannot be removed without injury to the sidewalk, the owner or occupant can apply sand or other traction material to the walkway. Clear sidewalks allow for safe passage for our children, elderly, and the community-at-large. Citizens are encouraged to help their neighbors and work together during this difficult winter. The City of CDA is also committed to working with residents in a joint effort to preserve and improve our neighborhoods and quality of life. Sidewalk access issues may be reported to our Code Enforcement Officer at 208-769-2390.



City Employees Donate to Families Feeding Families Food Drive

City employees recently donated 30+ bags of food and a cash donation of \$400 to the Salvation Army Kroc Center Families Feeding Families February Food Drive, which will help to restock our local food pantries in North Idaho. Thanks to our employees who donated, and also thanks to those who shopped, sorted, packed & delivered the



learn more about his role with the City.

Tell us a little about your education and experience, and how you became interested in our urban forest:

Most of my education regarding arboriculture is from experience in the field as an arborist. I studied Arboriculture at Spokane Community College and have been working in the tree and landscaping industry since 2003. I became a Certified Arborist in 2014. I have worked for the City of Coeur d'Alene Parks and Recreation Department since 2011. Before accepting the Urban Forester position, I was the Lead of the Cemetery Division. I have had the opportunity to get familiar with our urban forest, working on public trees in all aspects of tree care. I have always had an interest and respect for trees and my time with the Parks & Rec Department has led me to understand the importance of a healthy, well-managed urban forest.

Why is the City's urban forest important, and what is the City doing to protect it?

When asked this question, I try to stress the importance of viewing trees as a valuable part of our public infrastructure. The benefits that healthy trees provide to our community have real value—esthetically, monetarily and environmentally. Public trees are protected under ordinance to prevent improper pruning, unnecessary removal, and promote proper tree care. A healthy forest takes decades to build, through ordinances to protect trees and ensure that they are planted, public education, city-funded planting

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bags! (Photo courtesy of the Kroc Center)

CDA PD Is Hiring!

The CDA Police Department is hiring! The City is currently accepting applications for entry level and lateral applicants. If you have a desire to serve others, like variety in your work, and want to make a positive impact, then this may be the job for you! Click [HERE](#) to check out the job descriptions, benefits, and requirements and apply today!



CIN Libraries Add Mango Language Service

The Cooperative Information Network (CIN), a group of libraries in North Idaho and Eastern Washington which includes the Coeur d'Alene and Lake City public libraries, now offers the Mango Languages online language learning system to its patrons. Mango is free for all library patrons and can be accessed anywhere with an internet connection. Each lesson combines real-life situations and audio from native speakers with simple, clear instructions. The courses are presented with an appreciation for cultural nuance and real-world application by focusing on the four key elements of language learning: vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar, and culture. Mango offers access to 60 foreign language courses and 17 English courses. Library card holders can access Mango through their nearest library's website.



efforts, tree care by city crews, a cost share program to help homeowners take care of the public trees abutting their property, and licensing of tree companies. The City of Coeur d'Alene works hard and shows that we care about protecting and continuing to build a healthy urban forest as our community grows.

What are your current responsibilities, and goals for the future? Currently I assist the public by providing information regarding city ordinances, tree selection, and tree care. My goals for the future are to find inventive ways to provide more support for homeowners to take care of the public trees they are responsible for; to help the urban forestry division grow along with our forest and the needs of the public regarding trees, and to continue meeting requirements for our city to continue as a "Tree City USA."

What about your family and interests? My wife, Sandy, and I have been happily married for nearly 13 years. We have a 3 1/2 year old daughter who keeps us on our toes, along with our two dogs. I truly believe we live in a great place, with camping, fishing, backpacking, BBQ and the lakes. We take full advantage of all that North Idaho has to offer.

